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new year greetings

Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

Some would have preferred snow to the ice and sleet we had last week. Especially those who witnessed so much damage to trees. Pine trees yielded many a limb to the heavy load of ice. Several pines in my back lot were stripped to the point of being immodest. But Martha Street had a good Christmas, and hope you did too. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Cawthorne for bringing us a decorated tree and a lavish display of gifts and to all the others who made Christmas 1975 one to remember. Note: I even received a pair of Bicentennial socks, with a Liberty Bell woven in with the words, '76. But for me the top gift was having Brightleaf home from the hospital for Christmas. One sad note: when I went out this morning on West Martha Street there was a dead opossum. Maybe so stuffed with Christmas food could not get across the street in time.

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Seemed that the Rescue Squads and Volunteer Firemen were kept extra busy during the holiday. State highway deaths passed the 1,000 total for 1975.

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The morning mail brought a colorful seed catalog, and soon we will be thinking about gardening. One friend said he intended to plant garden peas in February. And have you noticed that days are getting longer. December 22 was the turning point. Jan. 1 the sun will be up and about at 7:03 and set at 5:05.

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Are you making any New Year Resolutions? Good idea, even if'n you do not keep'em. Some suggestions . . . keep Appomattox a Growing Town, get out of debt during '76 . . . support civic clubs and community projects . . . be an informed citizen, keeping up with events . . . help your church to keep up and expand its programs . . . maintain family ties . . . keep fit . . . have a good garden. I asked a friend for a good Resolution and she said: Forgive and forget.

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For years Christmas was marked by exploding firecrackers and some of them were powerful. This time I did not hear even one.

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Did not get to checking all the outdoor holiday decorations, but in our part of town, Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Coleman carried off top honors.

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In the morning mail, a news folder from Charles Town, W. Va. Races. Thing that impressed me was the slogan "Published Every Once in a While."

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Christmas morning saw a boy trying out his new bicycle. Proud, but careful. I never rode a bike with swoop-down handle bars. But I recall having a tool kit fastened behind the seat and managed to attach a flashlight to the handle bars, for night riding.

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The **Times-Virignian** is planning a great year for '76, and so are Appomattox business concerns. Be a member of the Team. Thanks for reading, and seeya next week.

Crime Rate In U·S. Shows Increase

Serious crime in the United States for the first nine months of 1975 rose 11 percent over the same period a year ago, Attorney General Edward H. Levi announced today.

This increase compares with a 16 percent increase recorded in the first nine months of 1974 over a similar period in 1973.

Mr. Levi said the current increase in crime is not as large as in past periods which is "encouraging".

Serious crime for all 1974, for example, was 18 percent higher than in 1973 and, during the first six months of 1975, rose 13 percent over the same period a year ago.

"But it must be remembered, Mr. Levi said, "the figures show an increase, and the crime rate remains at an intolerable level."

Today's figures were contained in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports released by FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley. They are based on the crime experiences of city, county, and state law enforcement agencies throughout the nation.

The violent crimes of murder, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault increased eight percent in this nine-month period. Robbery rose 11 percent, aggravated assault seven percent, murder three percent, and forcible rape two percent, according to Mr. Kelley.

Larceny-theft had a reported increase of 13 percent, with burglary up 10 percent and motor vehicle theft two percent higher. These property crimes as a group increased 11 percent in the nine-month period this year.

Cities with 100,000 or more population reported a nine percent increase in the volume of Crime Index offenses. Suburban and rural area communities both reported a 12 percent rise.

Geographically, the Southern States recorded a 13 percent rise, the North Central States a 10 percent increase, the Northeastern States were up 11 percent, and the Western States rose eight percent in the first nine months of 1975 over the same period in 1974.

Holiday Schedule For Post Office

Thursday, January 1, 1976, New Year's Day, will be observed as a holiday at all Postal Installations.

Mail will be received in Appomattox at 6:00 a.m. and will be distributed to town lock boxes.

Special Delivery mail will be delivered within the town limits. Mail will be dispatched at 8:55 a.m. only.

Adult Classes At AMS To Begin Jan. 6

Adult farm mechanics repair classes will begin January 6 at the Appomattox Middle School Agriculture Department. The classes will be held from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. on each Tuesday and Thursday night through May 13. Allen Booth will be the lay instructor working with Dan Swafford and Barry Sauls, Agriculture teachers, at the Middle School. A fee of $5.00 will be charged for registering for the class.

WOW To Meet Monday Night

Woodmen of the World Camp 71 will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday night, January 5, 1976.

Election of officers will take place at this meeting.

All members are urged to attend. The vote for the "Mr. WOW" award of 1975 will take place at this meeting also.

FIREMEN CANCEL MEETING

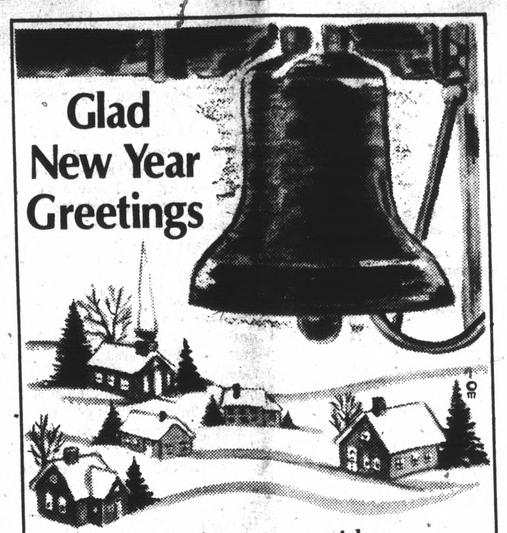
The volunteers of the Appomattox County Fire Department will not meet on Thursday night, January 1, 1976.

They will observe the New Year holiday. Their next regular meeting will be held Thurs., Jan. 8.

"Crewman Of The Year"

Gordon Staples, left above, was honored on Monday evening, December 29, 1975 when he was presented a plaque naming him "Crewman of the Year" for 1975. The plaque was presented by out-going President Nina Beasley in recognition of his dedication to the Appomattox County Rescue Squad. Also shown in the photo above is Mr. Lloyd Walton, Division Superintendent Appomattox County Schools, guest speaker and installing officer for the evening.

As a member of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad, Staples has held many offices and always does an outstanding job whenever asked to serve in any capacity. He is presently holding the office of Sgt. of Building and Grounds.



It's time to ring out our wishes for health, wealth and happiness for specially nice friends and customers.

The Times-Virginian Staff

ABC Board To Distribute Blood Content Cards

Richmond...The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control announced today it will distribute blood alcohol content cards in all State ABC Stores during the next week. The cards are part of a cooperative education program being conducted with the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program of the Highway Safety Division.

The posters and blood alcohol content cards are intended to encourage citizens who purchase and consume alcoholic beverages to be responsible consumers. The information program is designed to help responsible social drinkers avoid reckless drinking and driving.

"Don't be a reckless drinker. Know your limit", is the theme of the program.

Blood alcohol content cards show a chart that lists the number of 1½ ounce drinks or 12 ounce cans of beer the average person can consume in a two hour period. The chart, which takes the weight of an individual into consideration, shows three areas; caution, driving impaired and legally drunk. According to state law, persons who drive an automobile when their blood alcohol content is .10 or higher are considered legally drunk and are charged with driving while intoxicated.

A spokesman for the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control said that the cards are being distributed to serve as a general guideline for alcohol consumers and cautioned that each person reacts differently to different amounts of alcohol, and therefore citizens should exercise their own judgment and restraint when determining their ability to drive.

Arthritis Clinic To Be Sponosored

Central Virginia Arthritis Foundation is sponsoring a diagnostic Arthritis Clinic which will be held the second Friday of each month at the Virginia Baptist Hospital, Outpatient Department, beginning January 6 from 2 until 5 p.m. Patients will be evaluated for arthritis and need of therapy, surgery, drugs, etc. The staff will include Unviersity of Virignia Rheumatologist, local orthopedic surgeon and physician.

Appointments may be made by attending physicans; call Central Virginia Arthritis Foundation 384-6263 Monday and Friday.

Personnel Changes Announced

Lynchburg...A series of personnel changes have been announced in the operations and quality control departments at the Naval Nuclear Fuel Division of Babcock & Wilcox.

R. W. Caldwell has been named general foreman of component fabrication in the operations department reporting to E. L. Lee, superintendent of manufacturing. F. D. Bosiger, formerly general foreman of component fabrication is joining process control engineering. J. L. Hammond, formerly a senior engineer will be project engineering manager reporting to T. F. Barile, manager of core engineering.

In the quality control department, R. L. Harris has been named procurement inspection and test supervisor, reporting to W. W. Blythe, manager, materials & structurals quality control.

Caldwell joined B&W in 1967 as a process engineer. His succeeding positions included manufacturing engineer, lead manufacturing engineer, and project engineering manager. He is a 1963 graduate of Virginia Polytechnical Institute and State University with a BS degree in industrial arts. He and his wife, the former Carolyn Weisner have two sons and a daughter and live at 406 Hickock Road.

Bosiger joined B&W in 1959 at the former Nuclear Facilities Plant. His positions included nuclear technician, and foreman in welding. He was associated with a number of welding developments. He and his wife, the former Helen Franklin have three sons and one daughter and live at 8 Brooklawn Drive.

Hammond joined B&W in 1962 as an industrial engineer at the company's Barberton, Ohio Works. In 1964 he was

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Banks Announce Holiday Schedule

The Appomattox Office, American Federal Savings & Loan Association; The Farmers National Bank; Fidelity National Bank; and First National Bank of Farmville, Pamplin City Branch will be closed Thursday, January 1, 1976 in observance of New Year's Day.

Banks will operate on regular schedules on Wednesday and on Friday.

Comments Sought on 1976 Burley Tobacco Program

Comments on proposed determinations relating to the amount of the national marketing quota for the 1976 crop of burley tobacco were called for on December 10, by the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Public Law 92-10 provides that the amount of the national marketing quota for burley tobacco for the 1976-77 marketing year shall be determined and announced no later than February 1,1976. Details with respect to the determinations to be made and the legislative provisions governing the determinations are scheduled for publication in the Federal Register December 12,1975.

Prior to making the determinations, consideration will be given to any written comments received not later than January 12,1976, by the Director, Tobacco and Peanut Division, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20250. All written submissions will be made available for public

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Dr. Mark Weatherly, Associate Professor of Education at Longwood College, was the guest speaker at the mid-December meeting of the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club. Dr. Weatherly was introducted by Mrs. Richard Robinson with whom he is shown here.

Dr. Weatherly Speaks To Junior Woman's Club

Dr. Mark Weatherly, Associate Professor of Education at Longwood College, Farmville, was the guest speaker at the latest meeting of the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club held on December 16, 1975 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Farmer's Naitonal Bank, Trinagle Plaza Branch.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. James A. Nolen, president, after which Dr. Weatherly was introduced to the young women present by Mrs. Richard Robinson. Dr. Weatherly's topic was "Learning Disability Causated by Emotional Dysfunction" and was of great interest to his audience as wives and mothers to learn how parent relationships with children can affect their entire emotional make-up for life. Dr. Weatherly is a most qualified person and one of the most valuable resource persons in our community. To Longwood College undergraduates, he teaches Child and Adolescent Psychologies and to graduate students, he teaches Techniques of Counseling as well as Occupational Information and Job Development. He received his Ed. D, from the University of Virginia and has established a private practice specializing in Marital and Family Therapy and the psycho-educational disorders of children and adolescents. Dr. Weatherly is also consultant of J & D Courts and Departments of Social Services Departments in five surrounding counties. He is a member of the following professional organizations: The American Psychological Association, the American Association of Marriage and Family Counselors, the Virginia Council on Family Relations and the American Association of University Professors. Dr. Weath-

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Lloyd G. Walton, Division Superintendent Appomattox County Public Schools, was the installing officer and guest speaker on Monday evening as the Appomattox County Rescue Squad marked another successful year of service with a dinner and the installation of officers for 1976.

New officers installed Monday evening are, seated, left to right, James C. Rogers, Captain; Anderson Scruggs, President; Nellie Almond, 2nd Lieutenant Junior; and Beck Hudson, Secretary; and standing, left to right, Ray Noble, Training Officer; Harry Ferguson, Jr., Vice President; Jack Williams, 1st Lieutenant; Paul "Pete" Doss, member of Board of Governors and 2nd Lieutenant Senior; Gordon Staples, Sergeant Building and Grounds; James Carter, Sergeant of Motor Pool; Toby Inge, Treasurer; and Abner Scruggs, Communications Officer.

Rescue Squad Installs Officers For 76

The Appomattox County Rescue Squad marked another successful year of service to the people of Appomattox County when members, their wives/husbands, and other guests met on Monday evening, Dec. 29, 1975 for a dinner and the installation of officers for the new year.

James C. Rogers, Captain of the ACRS, introduced Mr. Lloyd G. Walton, Division Superintendent of Appomattox County Schools, the guest speaker and installing officer for the meeting.

Mr. Walton used the word "RESCUE" to base his talk on and gave illustrations of what each of the letters in that word meant to him when thinking of our local volunteer rescue squad. He highly praised the members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad for their concern of their fellowman, and for unselfishly giving of their time, day or night, to answer a call for help whenever asked to go out. He noted that this was one volunteer organization that, without doubt, has the confidence and backing of the citizens of the county.

Guests were recognized by Captain Rogers and personally thanked for their assistance to the rescue squad. Members of the squad are constantly striving to better serve the citizens of this county and with the loyal support of the people shown in past years, they will accomplish their goal.